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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE SUBMARINE PERIL.

Enemy's Claims Refuted.

London, March 20.
In the House of Commons, Sir Eric Geddes stated that during the twelve months ending January 31, six million tons of shipping were sunk. The enemy claimed to have sunk nine and a half million tons during that period.

Sir Eric Geddes' Figures.

London, March 20.
Sir Eric Geddes, in the course of an important statement in the House of Commons, said that the world's ocean-going tonnage at the beginning of the war, excluding enemy tonnage, amounted to thirty-three million tons. Until December 31 of last year this was reduced by a net figure of two and a half millions, equal to eight per cent, of the world's ocean-going tonnage. The percentage of the net loss of British tonnage alone was twenty. Allied and neutral percentages were more favourable, owing to the inclusion of interned enemy ships by the United States. The reason for the greater loss of British tonnage was mainly due to submarine, especially directed against Britain, with the object of starving us. The output of new British tonnage during 1915 and 1916 was very low, and before intense submarine began we were over 1,300,000 tons to the bad.

After emphasizing that our navigation risks were greater than the Allies, Sir Eric Geddes referred to shipbuilding and said that when the Shipping Controller was appointed work had ceased on over fifty large merchantmen in various stages of construction, owing to the lack of material and labour. At present forty-seven large shipyards, containing 209 berths, were wholly engaged in the construction of ocean-going merchantmen. We had also enormously increased the output of repaired tonnage. He proceeded to deal with exaggerated enemy claims as regards sinkings. For example, for the year ending January 31 the enemy claimed to have sunk nine and a half million tons of Entente and neutral shipping. The true figure was six million tons. Our average loss during the last quarter of last year was 261,000 tons a month, against which 140,000 was built monthly. For the same quarter, the Allies and neutrals together were replacing seventy-five per cent of their lost tonnage. Sir Eric declared that it was well within the capacity of the Allied yards, and even British yards, before very long, with a proper supply of material and man-power, to replace entirely the world's losses on the present figures—(Cheers). The stocks of materials in the yards at present were more satisfactory than they had been for years. The need at present was skilled labour, but they were gradually getting skilled men from the Army. Eighteen hundred skilled and unskilled men had returned to the yards to March 18, and 785 others were demobilizing. Regarding the low output in January and February, the conditions were abnormally bad, but those difficulties were being gradually overcome. He believed that the problem was on a fair way to solution. Sir Eric confirmed the appointment of Lord Pirrie as Controller General of Merchant Shipping under the First Lord. Lord Pirrie would not be a member of the Board of the Admiralty, but would have direct access to the Premier and the War Cabinet on questions affecting shipping.

Mr. Lloyd George said that there were 135 extensions of shipyards projected, of which 110 were in hand. He emphasised that Lord Pirrie would be absolutely independent, subject only to the First Lord. The latter would be in the position to control both naval and mercantile Controllers, with the War Cabinet as a final appeal. Complete co-operation between Lord Pirrie and Sir Joseph Malaby was essential in order to achieve the desired aims. There was no shortage of steel supplies, and there was more than was required both for naval and mercantile vessels.

Proceeding, Mr. Lloyd George described the difficulties of withdrawing skilled shipbuilders from the Army, for they were men whose skill was often essential to their batteries. He was not risking the efficiency of the Army in the field at a very critical moment by so doing. The Government believed that by special exertion the deficiency of 120,000 tons of British shipping could be made good, if they put their strength into the task. The Navy's work had been gratifying. There had been a gradual diminution of losses by submarines, and, if it continued and if shipyards increased their output at the rate of 120,000 tons a month as regards British shipping, or 100,000 tons a month as regards the world's shipping, that deficiency could be wiped out. Such an achievement would do more to shorten the war than any individual effort of which Britain was capable, because it would not merely inflict defeat on the enemy but bring home the fact that he would never defeat us.

Mr. Arguth said that in 1916 the mercantile construction figures and the due requirements of the Navy were mentioned to Sir John Jellicoe, who was removed at his own request from the Grand Fleet to the Admiralty specially to deal with the growing submarine menace.

Some Complaints.

London, March 21.
In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, who followed Sir Eric Geddes, deprecated the constant changes in the methods of shipbuilding, and said this multiplication of Controllers was disquieting. He would like more information as to the exact functions of Lord Pirrie. The best plan would have been to make Lord Pirrie Controller responsible for both naval and mercantile shipbuilding. Lord Pirrie was a masterful man and would fight for the mercantile marine; yet the longer the war lasted, the more rapidly would the fleet wear out. Sir Edward hoped there would be no friction between Lord Pirrie and the naval constructors.

Mr. Wilkin (Labour) feared that Sir Eric Geddes' statement would cause greater friction in the yards.

Sir Owen Phillips suggested that it would facilitate shipbuilding if details of every ship launched were published.

Sir Eric Geddes, replying, promised fullest details regarding every yard and every ship.

The German Exaggerations.

London, March 21.
An Admiralty diagram shows the exaggerations in the German claims of the sinking of mercantile tonnage. The exaggeration was only 10 per cent in February, 1917, but was 113 per cent in January, 1918. The average exaggeration for the year was 56 per cent.

Latest British Returns.

London, March 20.
The Admiralty announces that the shipping arrivals for the past week have been 2,093 and the sailings 2,317. Eleven ships over and six under 1,000 tons were sunk. Eleven were unsuccessfully attacked and two fishing vessels were sunk.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE SUBMARINE PERIL.

The French Figures.

London, March 20.
The French shipping arrivals for the week were 975 and the sailings 920. The sinkings were two over and two under 1,000 tons.

Italian Returns.

London, March 20.
The Italian shipping arrivals for the week ending March 16 were 467 and the sailings 422. The sinkings were one steamer over 1,500 tons, and two sailing ships, one being over 100 tons.

THE DUTCH SHIPPING QUESTION.

Not a Breach of Neutrality.

London, March 21.
Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says that in the Second Chamber, Jonkheer Loudon, the Foreign Minister, stated that the placing of ships at the disposal of the Allies was not a breach of neutrality. The Government at first intended to refuse the use of Holland's shipping, but it reconsidered the matter in view of the interests of her industries, shipping and Colonies involved. He said the intention of the associated Powers appeared to be to requisition the whole of Holland's shipping outside Dutch ports, namely a million tons.

A long debate followed, in which a number of members protested against the proposed agreement and criticized the attitude of the Government.

Jonkheer Troelstra, the leader of the Social Democrats, said he hesitated to declare that the Government was departing from neutrality, and he reserved his decision until after the Government's reply. He urged Holland to endeavour to obtain wheat from Ukraine.

Jonkheer Loudon replies to-morrow.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

Still Regarded as Allies.

London, March 21.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Moscow, the American Ambassador, asked whether, in view of the ratification of the Peace Treaty, the American Consulate would leave Russia, replied:—"I shall not leave Russia until forced. The American Government and people are too deeply interested in the prosperity of the Russian people to abandon Russia to the Germans. They will do their utmost to safeguard the real interests of the country. If the brave, patriotic Russian people will for the time abandon political disagreements and act resolutely and vigorously, they will be able to expel the enemy and guarantee a lasting peace for itself and the whole world by the end of 1918. My Government still counts America as an Ally of the Russian people, and we are ready to help any Government which will sincerely organize a serious resistance against German invasion."

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Stiff Fighting on French Front.

London, March 21.
A French communiqué says:—"There is artillery activity between Miette and the Aisne and also in Champagne. Artillery firing is somewhat violent on the right of the Meuse and at Parroy Wood. In the Woëvre region of Bois Bréde, the enemy heavily attacked, but after a stiff fight we ejected parties which had gained a footing in some of our advanced elements. The enemy attack at Sonzain, mentioned this morning, was carried out by two battalions of *stosstruppen*, who suffered heavy casualties and were completely defeated. Our aeroplanes dropped thirteen tons of bombs behind the enemy lines. A number of explosions and two fires were observed.

Raiders Repulsed.

London, March 20.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—"We repulsed raiders to the south of Passchendaele and north of Poelcapelle, taking prisoners. Hostile artillery is active at La Bassée Canal, Bois Grenier and Passchendaele.

A REICHSTAG DEBATE.

Explaining Away a Memorandum.

London, March 21.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, a message from Berlin says that the Lichnowsky Memorandum (in which Prince Lichnowsky while Ambassador to London revealed Britain's pacific intentions) was discussed by the Main Committee of the Reichstag on the 16th instant:

The Vice Chancellor, Herr von Payer, said Prince Lichnowsky, in the course of a statement to Count Hartling on the 15th instant, stated that the Memorandum was intended only for family archives. He showed it on the assurance of absolute secrecy, to a few political friends. He deeply regretted the various indiscretions whereby it was more widely circulated. Herr von Payer added that Prince Lichnowsky had resigned his Ambassadorial rank and as he was obviously only guilty of imprudence no further steps would be taken against him. Herr von Payer proceeded to contradict some of Prince Lichnowsky's assertions, declaring that the key to Prince Lichnowsky's mistakes and false conclusions regarding the events before the war was probably his over-estimate of his own services, and his hatred of those who did not recognise his achievements as he expected. Herr von Payer declared that the entire Memorandum was permeated by a striking veneration for foreign diplomats, especially British, whom Prince Lichnowsky described in a truly affectionate manner, and by an equally striking irritation against almost all German statesmen. The result was that Prince Lichnowsky frequently regarded Germany's most jealous enemies as her best friends, because they were personally on good terms with him. The aim of the Memorandum was obvious—namely, to show how much better and more enlightened Prince Lichnowsky's policy was and how he could have assured the peace of the Empire if his policy had been followed.

THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN.

London, March 20.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson stated that it was not intended to issue at present a special Imperial medal or ribbon for the operations at Gallipoli.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

CROWN COLONIES' WAR EFFORTS.

London, March 18.

The War Cabinet's report for 1917 says that the smaller colonies and protectorates have contributed their full share to the military effort of the Empire. The labour corps from the eastern colonies has been sent to Mesopotamia and East Africa, and, despite the unfavourable conditions, to the western theatre. A large number of individuals from overseas possessions such as the Malay States and Hongkong have also joined the Imperial forces.

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

London, March 20.

The Press Bureau states that the attitude of the Maris in Baluchistan is unsatisfactory. They have committed numerous outrages against telegraphs, trains and Government property, and have attacked out posts at Gumbaz and Fort Munro. They were repulsed with heavy casualties but are still defiant. Punitive measures are now ordered.

A SEAPLANE FIGHT.

London, March 20.

The Admiralty announces: A British seaplane patrol in Heligoland Bight engaged two seaplanes ten miles north-eastward of Borkum on Tuesday. They drove down one in flames. All returned.

ENEMY ATTACKS IN THE WEST.

London, March 20.

A French communiqué states: There is fairly great enemy artillery in Champagne, on the right of the Meuse and in Woëvre. After lively bombardments the enemy at several points on the front engaged in infantry actions, which, however, were abortive. An enemy coup-de-main north-east of Reims was arrested without difficulty. The enemy thrice attempted to reach our lines in the Souain sector, but violent fire compelled him to withdraw with serious losses. A strong enemy attack south of Arras in Lorraine resulted in violent hand-to-hand fighting. We partly gained the advantage and repelled the enemy, taking some prisoners.

FIXING THE PRICE OF SILVER.

London, March 19.

Silver is firm, with limited supplies. The "Times" Washington correspondent states that a Bill is being introduced in Congress authorising the Government to melt down and sell 300,000,000 silver dollars out of the 400,000,000 now in the Treasury vaults. It is understood this will be virtually equivalent to the Government's fixing the prices of silver at about a dollar an ounce. Silver producers and dealers have agreed informally to sell the country's entire output for the next year or two at a fixed price, probably ninety-eight cents or a dollar an ounce, to replace the silver dollars melted down for export to India, China and Japan.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Allegations Against a Government Servant.

The charge of embezzlement against Albert J. Edwards, accountant and storekeeper of the Government Civil Hospital, was proceeded with before Mr. J. E. Wood, at the Police Court this morning. Defendant is charged with embezzling £500.

Mr. L. Longinou, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute.

When the case came on defendant asked if he could make a request, but his Worship advised him to bear the evidence first.

Dr. Johnson, the Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, said that defendant had held the appointment since May last. On February 7, witness received from the Government a cheque for £500 to make advances to the Chinese staff of the hospital for the New Year. This was endorsed and handed to defendant. Later witness drew the usual cheque for wages and handed it to defendant. It was defendant's duty to cash the cheques and pay the staff. There were no definite instructions as to how the £500 advanced to the staff was to be recovered, whether it was to be deducted from wages or recovered later. It was defendant's duty to recover it and pay the money back to the Treasury. On March 4, defendant was granted a day's leave, and the next day had a day's medical leave. On March 6, defendant was absent, and witness had enquiries made. Defendant did not return. Pay sheets were found in defendant's office purporting to be signed by all the persons to whom advances had been made, and also receipts for the full month's salary. Witness reported the defendant's absence to the Colonial Secretary, the G.O.D. and the Audit Department. A search was made, but defendant could not be found. Late that night, witness had a talk with him.

Defendant did not return. When asked how he expected to repay the money, defendant only admitted that he had been foolish. He reiterated that he was guilty of the deficit. Witness specifically mentioned the £500, and Dr. Mc Kenny was then present. When asked how he expected to repay the money, defendant only admitted that he had been foolish. He reiterated that he was guilty of the deficit. Witness reported the 20th.

Mr. Luk, first clerk at the Hospital, said that early in February he received an advance of £8 from the defendant. At the end of the month he received a cheque for £128.88 and on the 20th defrauded £50 in cash on account of the Government. He had no receipt.

A ward boy spoke to receiving an advance of £6 and on February 23 he received his pay less an amount deducted for the Chinese cook. He actually received £10.20. He repaid the £6.

The Chinese cook informed witness he was placed under arrest on February 20.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Cost of Living in Japan.
The Osaka Asahi says that in
view of the continued rise in
prices the problem of living will
become more and more difficult
for the labouring classes. The
labour problem should be carefully
studied, not only from the
point of view of the interests of
the employers or capitalists, but
from the point of view of the welfare
of the workers. Kokusai.

Tinned Food Scarce in
Australia.

All imported lines of tinned
food, such as Crosse and Blackwell's,
Morton's, and McConachie's, will be exhausted in the
Sydney shops shortly, and the
present outlook is that no more
will reach Australia till after the
war. These lines include meat
and fish pastes, olive oil, tinned
jams, marmalades, onion and
other pickles, and cheeses such
as English Stilton, Gorgonzola,
Gouda, and Cheddar. Castor
oil is also in the list. It also
includes tinned ripened herrings,
and all other tinned fish; and
tinned vegetables, such as as-
paragons; also tinned sausages, a
line largely sold in some of the
big Sydney shops. There can be
no recourse to America for tinned
fish and other staple tinned lines,
as the Washington authorities say
that Australia is in a position to
be self-supporting, and can do
without such imports till
after the war.

Japanese Steamer Torpedoed.
From Medina, Italy, Captain
Ogawa of the S.S. Taiten Maru
(5,800 tons) reports that the
steamer, on her way from New
York to Livorno, Italy, was tor-
pedoed and sunk by a German
submarine in the Mediterranean,
but all the crew managed to reach
shore. The S.S. Taiten Maru, owned
by the Shoeho Yoko, has been
chartered by the Italian Government
and is now running between New
York and Italy. She left New
York with a full cargo of war
material on Jan. 28th. The
Shoeho Yoko will not sustain any
loss, as the steamer is insured for
£3,800,000 in all. Her crew
consists of 23 Japanese and 22
Chinese. It may be noted that
since the outbreak of hostilities
the Company has lost five steamers
— the Taki Maru, the Seito (Seingtao) Maru, the Togo (Togoo) Maru,
the Kagehima Maru and now the
Taiten Maru.

Dog Bite Costs £31.
A claim for £100 for injuries
alleged to have been inflicted by
a collie dog, was heard by Judge
Backhouse at Sydney recently.
Alfred Samuel Crawford, ice-
carter, of Bay street, Croydon,
was the plaintiff, and George
Woods, artist, of 321 Pitt street,
Sydney, the defendant. Mr.
McTernan, instructed by Mr. H.
E. McIntosh, appeared for the
plaintiff, and Mr. Mack, instructed
by Mr. J. W. Maguire, for the
defendant, who paid £5 into court
to cover the damages, if any. Plaintiff stated that he had
delivered ice at the defendant's
residence, and the dog rushed at
him, and bit him on the leg so
severely, that he was unable to
work for five weeks and had to
incur medical expenses. The
defence was that plaintiff irritated
the dog, and caused it to bite.
His Honour found for plaintiff in
the sum of £31, inclusive of the
amount paid into court.

Trans-Siberian Trail Held up.
The Agent of the International
Sleeping Car Co. in Shanghai has
received a letter to the following
effect from the Company's Agent
in Harbin:—"We have the hon-
our to inform you that, as from
the 1st instant, it has been im-
possible to run our express
through to Russia and, at this
moment, running is also inter-
rupted to Manchuria and no date
can be given for resumption of
the service. The reason is that
revolutionary troops of Cossacks
are in collision and have totally
turned the line between Manchuria
and China. There are continual
battles and this is quite impossible
for any train to pass. Negotiations are at this moment
in progress with the Amur Railway
with a view to obtaining their
permission for the running of
trains from Vladivostok to Russia
via Harbin, but no decision
has yet been reached. The
discontinuance of the through
trains will continue until receipt of a decision from
our Divisional Inspector at
Vladivostok and advice all con-
cerned to the effect that the
line is safe for traffic again.

SHIPPING NEWS.

NOTICES.

New Steamer.
On March 1, at the Chittagong Dockyards, Oaks, a steel steamer of 2,600 tons, built to the order of the Shinko Kisen Kaisha, of Kobe, was successfully launched. The steamer was named the Shinko Maru.

Panama Canal.
On December 1, 1917, the record for time required to pass through the Panama Canal was lowered from the previous record of 6 hours and 45 minutes to 4 hours and 13 minutes by a ship making the transit north bound. On the following day a vessel going south made the passage in 4 hours and 10 minutes.

Demand for Steel Shapes.
It is reported that some ship-builders of Japan are trying to secure steel shapes from the United States by selling some ships to America already in actual service in exchange for shapes, a plan more likely to be accepted by that country than that now proposed by Japan to the American Shipping Board.

Officers Wanted.
The Employment Bureau of the Merchant Marine Service Association reports that during the first week of December there was a moderate inquiry for officers mainly for juniors. A number of senior officers are open for engagement. An inquiry for masters to act as surveyors under the food control for ships has resulted in a large number of applications being made for these posts. It is understood that appointments of a similar nature have been already made in various ports in the United Kingdom.

China Coast Gazette.
Mr. W. Foster, acting master, Loongsang, has gone chief officer, same ship. Captain W. G. G. Leek, from leave, has gone master, Loongsang. Mr. T. G. Davies, acting chief officer, Loongsang, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr. W. Lutkin, second officer, Loongsang, has gone second officer, Tungshing. Mr. W. L. Jobson, supernumerary, Kweihow, has been appointed chief officer, Amherst. Mr. E. T. Evans, second officer, Fathian, has gone second officer, Kweihow. Mr. F. C. Parkinson, chief officer, Sutai, is on leave. Mr. W. J. Collom has been appointed chief officer, Sutai.

Trouble on Russian Ships.
During the last few days, says the Japan Chronicle, there have been some alarming rumours regarding the five R.V.F. steamers now in the harbour of Kobe. It is said that on one of them, the Silks, while en route to Japan eighty members of the crew who had Bolshevik sympathies tried to get the captain removed from his position in favour of the first officer. On arrival in Kobe, Captain Bedel, through the Russian Vice-Consul in the port, asked Viscount Motono, the Foreign Minister, to take steps not to allow the departure of the ship, since it was feared that 1,800 tons of iron and other goods shipped at Seattle would fall into the hands of the Bolsheviks. On the other hand, the Bolshevik members of the crew of the Silks, it is reported, urged the Russian Vice-Consul to give a clearance permit, but this was refused.

Co-ordination of Shipping Interests.

The Manager of the Swansons Chamber of Commerce urges the closest connection with commercial industries in all branches. Our commercial supremacy was threatened to-day, and it would require every ounce of brain and force for us to maintain our position. He urged a closer co-ordination of shipping interests. Blue Book rates were entirely unremunerative to the majority of tramp shipowners, and Mr. Raeburn, president of the Chamber, had written stating that they would have to ask for a rise of Blue Book rates in nearly every class of ship. Statistics showed it cost a British ship \$2,000 a year more to run, even before the war, than a Norwegian ship. As regards the future of shipping the Government could never hope to run ships cheaper than private owners. Tramp shipowning was not a matter which could be taken over by the Government, and it was in the interests of the Government that they should return the ships to their owners at the earliest available opportunity.



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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1918.

HONGKONG'S POST-WAR PROBLEMS.

There seems to be a tendency to dissociate the now almost daily references to post-war problems from a local applicative. One finds that as soon as the phrase is given utterance, people's minds automatically dwell on the problems with which the world's diplomats and the statesmen at Home will be concerned when the military strife is ended. There are no two opinions that the dawn of peace will serve as a wonderful starting point for improvements of every kind. The hitherto almost Utopian conception of a League of Nations seems to be nearing practical expression, whilst the Old Country is promising itself a just tackling of the great problem of Labour. The better housing of the working classes is being thought out in preparation for accomplishment; welfare workers are aiming at better-social privileges and conditions for the working masses; an improved scheme of elementary education is being urged; and, generally speaking, the travail of war has given an impetus to the desire to elevate the living conditions of all sections of the community. One sees the same process going on in practically every country that has maintained its national entity—in fact, it is the bright thing in what would otherwise be an exceedingly dark page of the world's history. The welter of human destruction demands a grand set-off of high resolve and achievement, for, failing that, the Great War will have served no great permanent purpose. Who can say that Hongkong can reasonably stand aloof and see others aiming at advancement, doing nothing itself to interpret what will possibly be a rejuvenated spirit of progress? The times are characterized by introspection, and those whose duty it is to legislate for the public weal in this Colony would do well to look around and note the many opportunities that exist for progressive action.

Since democracy is surely and inevitably coming into its own, one of the prime necessities here is popular control of the governing powers, and residents will have to insist with all the force of collective action on an early cessation of official autocracy. The very essence of the present struggle is a fight for the survival of democracy and Hongkong must not be left outside the application of the principle. As a matter of fact, it is the Crown Colony system of governance generally that has to be destroyed, and such destruction will only be accomplished by strong expressions from each and all of the Crown Colonies of the Empire. United action should be aimed at, for the authorities at Home are too safely ensconced in their present positions to permit of isolated protests being effective. Little less important is the vexed question of housing, for it is one that concerns the entire community. Not only are more houses required, but less exorbitant rents will have to be a feature of future conditions. For most Europeans the housing problem is a veritable nightmare of worry, and it is a standing disgrace to this flourishing Port that the provision of housing should be in the position that it is. There should be an insistence on governmental action, adequate to meet the necessities of the case. Education for British children is another of the problems urgently needing attention, but we have previously said enough on this matter to point the way to improvement. The protection of residents against profiteers, both Chinese and foreign, deserves thought and action, and there is no little scope for wise administration in a hundred and one other directions. A study of the general living conditions of Hongkong's half a million inhabitants is a by no means inspiring one, and it takes but a little intelligence to discern endless ways in which improvement could be effected. The essential need is the spirit.

Hongkong is a long way from the seat of war, it is even little affected by the world-wide dislocation that has been occasioned, and there is a danger of its being left undisturbed in its oriental placidity. The Colony has suffered too much already from contagion to be able to forego a share in the war's greatest achievement, i.e., the realization that the process of human uplifting deserves to be constant. To dawdle in the rear of what we hope will be an era of accelerated social progress will be to demonstrate that for Hongkong the war was just a war, only an event of great historical interest, and not one of the greatest opportunities that humanity has ever had for demonstrating that out of error can come enlightenment.

The Gresson Street Trial.

Public opinion will agree in toto with the verdict returned yesterday in the Gresson Street murderer trial, for, with the evidence as presented, the jury had no option but to acquit the prisoner of the charge. The case for the prosecution broke down by reason of discrepancies in the evidence tendered and more particularly because the principal witness for the Crown, the chief Chinese detective, committed certain very material facts in his version of the happenings, given while in hospital some week or so after the terrible affray. In fairness to the officer, however, it should be remembered that he was at this time suffering badly from the wounds he had sustained and was thus scarcely in the frame of mind to give such a coherent statement as he would be able to do, on reflection, under better circumstances. His honesty of purpose throughout cannot be questioned; the unfortunate part was that his story was uncorroborated and that it was at variance with the evidence of another member of the Force. However, there can be no regret either that the case came on for trial or that the prisoner was acquitted. Everyone must admire the scrupulous fairness of the Attorney General in conducting the case and his extreme anxiety that the prisoner should be given every possible chance. More than that, the verdict, in the circumstances, did the utmost credit to the level-headedness of the jurymen, who, by resisting the temptation to let their feelings get the better of them, worthily upheld the British tradition for justice and fairplay.

The Shipping Outlook.

While the facts and figures revealed in the House of Commons by Sir Eric Geddes show that the U-boats are taking a heavy toll of the world's shipping, we think the general feeling, after an analysis of his speech, will be one of satisfaction that the situation is not worse and that Allied ship-builders have it in their power to bring about an early improvement. That view is justified by the statement that the bad conditions which existed in the first two months of the present year are being overcome, and that there is no shortage of steel supplies, while we have it on the word of Sir Eric Geddes that it is well within the capacity of the Allied, and even the British, yards before long to replace entirely the world's shipping losses. This, of course, is dependent on the exertion of our maximum effort. We have, however, still a good deal of progress to make, as is evident from the fact that our losses for the last quarter of 1917 were some 120,000 tons per month more than our output of new ships, while the other Allies and neutral nations have yet 25 per cent. of their losses to make good. Still, the assurances given both by Sir Eric Geddes and Mr. L'oyd George are, we may be sure, the result of a close investigation of possibilities.

A Regrettable Omission.

There is one interesting fact confirmed in the statements with regard to the German's exaggerations of what their submarines have been able to accomplish. The enemy lays claim to have sent nine and a half million tons of shipping to the bottom of the sea during twelve months, whereas the correct figure is only six millions. This habit of "pulling the long bow" seems to be growing on the Hun, as his exaggerations have steadily been on the upward grade, until for the first month of this year they are just a mere 13 per cent. wide of the truth. There is one thing that we miss from the figures given, and that is a statement concerning the actual destruction of enemy submarines. If we are not afraid to tell the Germans the facts in regard to sunken tonnage, why should we hesitate to disclose the success of our anti-submarine measures? At any rate the figures might have been given up to the end of last year. If they had been, we feel sure that the public would be greatly encouraged by the statistics. Why fill in the details of the unpleasant side of the U-boat campaign and omit to offset them by facts which would show that the enemy is not having matters all his own way?

Search Supervisors.

All members of No. 1 Section, and all men warned for duty as Search Supervisors from No. 1 Platoon and No. 3 Company, etc., and all members recently attached from H. K. Defence Corps, will attend in uniform at Headquarters Club on Thursday, March 28 at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

DAY BY DAY.

DOING IS AS DEVOUT AS PRAYING. RELIGION CONSISTS NOT IN PRAYING A PRAYER BUT IN BEING A PRAYER.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 57th birthday of Cardinal Bourne.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 1½d.

Anniversary Diner.

A dinner is being held at the Hongkong Hotel on April 12 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the incorporation of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

Spotted Fever.

For the 24 hours ended yesterday sixteen cases of spotted fever were notified—six but six in the City of Victoria. All the sufferers were Chinese and there were twelve deaths.

A Murder Case.

At the Magistracy this morning formal evidence was given in the murder case in which two sisters are charged with the murder of another sister at Ewo Street, Wan Chai. The case was again adjourned.

Rail Result.

The embroidered table cloth presented by Mrs. G. Bunker and raised for the benefit of our Little Bit Society's Wool Fund resulted in \$109 being realized. The winning number, 108, was drawn by Mrs. Hon T. Ng.

War Loan Investments.

Up to the end of February subscriptions to the War Loan Investment Trust of Malaya totalled \$6,012,070, contributed by 2,983 subscribers. Under the heading of "Obina" it is shown that 245 subscribers contributed \$1,053,030.

League Cricket.

Kowloon play Craignessow on Saturday at Happy Valley, commencing at 2 p.m. The Kowloon team will be:—J. P. Robinson (Opt.), J. Stalker, P. H. Corp, A. A. Claxton, K. Macaskill, L. J. Blackburn, L. E. S. Hodge, O. J. Stapleton, F. E. J. Joceland, W. T. Elson and E. Pestonji.

Theft of Whisky.

A coolie was charged before Mr. A. Dyer Bill, this morning, with having stolen a bottle of whisky from a steamer lying near Kowloon Wharf. Inspector Gordon said that defendant was arrested when searched before passing the gate. The bottle was found concealed on his person. He stated that several larcenies had taken place recently. Defendant admitted having taken the whisky. He was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

War Comforts.

Our Little Bit Society has to-day sent to Messrs. Shewell, Tomes and Co. two cases war comforts, as below, to be forwarded to the Matron, Q. A. M. N. S., 26 Stationary Hospital, Ismailieh, Egypt:—1,200 roller bandages, 28 pairs of stretcher boots, 94 pairs of cloth slippers, 25 mufflers, 68 flannel vests, 134 milk covers, 130 suits pyjamas, 27 pairs of socks, 60 pairs mittens, 10 mops, 23 sleeveless sweaters, 35 pairs of white woollen socks, 55 white woollen caps, 12 brown woollen caps, 12 bags swabs, 6 floor cloths.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. C. Jenkins, C. B. E., state:—

Emergency.

Fifty truncheons have been sent to Headquarters Office for use by members called out on emergency when in plain clothes.

Truncheons.

All ranks below the rank of Inspector will carry truncheons whenever in uniform.

Service Rifles.

Members of No. 1 Company are ordered to return their Service Rifles to Armoury at Central on either Monday, March 25th or Tuesday, March 26th, between the hours of 5.15 p.m. and 6.0 p.m. Pull-throughs and Oil-bottles need not be returned.

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WAITING FOR THE CHALLENGE.

Faith of Our Fighting Men.

Mr. Philip Gibb wrote on January 12:—It is six weeks since the German counter-attack at Cambrai, two months since our capture of Passchendaele, and the lines have been quiet since then.

Under the heavy snow, except for

bursts of gunfire and night raids, and that fierce assault last week.

Our men have been glad of this

respite from fighting, and the rest

ing battalions have enjoyed their

spell of peace as men to whom dry

clothes, a sound roof, a fire on the

hearthside, and silence unbroken

by the crash of shells are great

gifts, splendid in their bodies and

in their souls. Even in the line

of the tumult of the fighting months

has died down into quiet days

and nights, with only moments

of savage shelling, as a reminder

that the devil is not yet dead, so

that our men up there have not

too bad a time.

Some of them I know—those

Gordons of whom I have given

glimpses up and down the roads

of war—had quite a good time

on Hogmanay Night within

401 yards of the enemy.

In some caves quarried

deep below the trenches

and lighted with electric lamps—

there was a horrid moment when

the engine stopped working and

threatened to plunge them all in

darkness—they had a feast-night,

and the spirit of Scotland moved

among them and lived in their

songs and speeches with the

memory of gallant comrades who

had been with them a year ago,

and are no longer with them. The

pipers came up into the caves,

and their music filled these

rocky vaults with wild sound,

very haunting in its call to

Scots' hearts, but it was im-

prisoned below ground, and did

not reach the German lines. The

little dim light glowed on the

steel helmets of the Gordons, and

made fantastic shadows on the

walls, as the pipers marched up

and down, and shone in the eyes

of the officers and men as they

sipped hot rum punch, and felt

its warmth in their hearts. The

cosmopolitan of Honest John, with

his "no-trump face," as the

Colonel called it, glowed with radi-

and love for his fellow creatures.

Four officers who had fought

through the Somme together—

ala! there are only four now of

those who held the lines at

Martinpuich—raised their glasses

to each other and toasted the

colonel who thinks of them from

afar awaiting a wound to heal

in his lung, and and yearning to

come out again, because, though

he hates

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Tuesday, 28th instant.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Company, D.R. F Class only. 8.15 p.m. Left Half Company, D.R. F Class only. Engineer Orders.

Administrative Orders issued to-day by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, state:—

Strength.

No. 955 Pte. A.G.D. Logan was enrolled on 11.3.18 and posted to M. Gun Coy. No. 956 Pte. G.F. Dumbarton was enrolled on 18.3.18 and posted to "A" Coy. No. 2 Platoon. No. 957 Pte. A.G.S. Morton was enrolled on 18.3.18 and posted to "D" Coy. No. 165 Corp. J. E. Eldridge, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign, to join the Hongkong Police Reserve, dated 13th March, 1918. No. 150 Spt. F. O. Clemons, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure. No. 535 Pte. J. Baker, "B" Company, is permitted to resign, dated 15.3.18.

Attached.

Pte. W. J. Currie, "A" Company, is attached to the H.K.P.R. from 14.3.18. Sgt. O. E. Thomas, "B" Company, is attached to the H.K.P.R. from 18.3.18.

Pte. P. H. Cobb, "A" Company, is attached to the H.K.P.R. from 18.3.18. Sgt. J. A. E. Belcher, "A" Company, is attached to the H.K.P.R. from 20.3.18. Pte. F. E. Jocelyn, "A" Company, is attached to the H.K.P.R. from 20.3.18.

Transfers.

Corp. Order No. 4 dated 15.3.18, referring to the transfer of Corp. J. E. Eldridge to the H.K.P.R. is cancelled. No. 843 Gunner T.M. Leitch is transferred to the Mounted Section, dated 16th March, 1918. No. 943 Pte. T.E. Lindsay Woods, "A" Company, is transferred to the Engineer Company, dated 19th March, 1918.

Leave.

Lieut. C. W. Bewick, "B" Co., is granted 6 months' leave, from 8.5.18. Sgt. C. E. H. Beavis, "B" Co., is granted 6 months and 22 days leave, from 8.5.18. Sgt. A. B. Bryson, "B" Co., is granted 5 months' leave, from 1.4.18. Corp. S. Jex, Eng. Co., "B" is granted 4 months' leave, from 20.3.18. Pte. S. B. Dodwell, "B" Co., is granted 4 months' leave, from 11.4.18. Pte. G. A. Hastings, "B" Co., is granted 8 months' leave, from 11.4.18. Pte. W. T. Wall-Evans, "D" Coy., is granted 4 months' leave, from 21.3.18. Spt. E. Grant Smith, Eng. Coy., is granted 30 days' leave, from 19.3.18. Pte. D. Keith, "B" Coy., is granted 30 days' leave from 31.3.18. Pte. R. G. Southerton, M. G. Coy., is granted 6 months' extension of leave, from 17.3.18. Pte. R. A. Ramsey, "B" Coy., is granted extension of leave until end of April, 1918.

Musketry.

Annual Musketry Course, Individual Field Practices, at Kowloon City Range, on Sunday, 24th instant, for all N.C.O.s and men of "A" and "B" Companies, Mounted Section and Smalling Section who have not completed these practices. Parade at Blake Pier at 8.30 a.m. and proceed by launch to Kowloon City. Dress:—Marching order. Helmets to be worn. 2nd Lieut. Thomas will attend. Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire these practices.

Communication Drill.

At Headquarters on Tuesday, 26th instant, at 8 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.s of "A" and "B" companies will attend. Other Officers and N.C.O.s may attend if they so desire. Platoon Drill will be practised.

Artillery Orders.

Orders for Artillery Company by Capt. J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D., state:—

Saturday, 23rd instant.—2.30 p.m. At King's Park Range.

Annual Musketry Course. The following N.C.O.s and men will attend.—Sergt. Crawford, L. B. Bilton, and Wilson and Gars. Fisher, Martin and E. Play.

Parades at Belcher Batteries.

Monday, 25th instant.—7.30 p.m. Right Half Company, D. R. F. Class only. 5.15 p.m. Left Half Company, D. R. F. Class only.

Tuesday, 26th instant.—7.30 p.m. Right Half Company. Full drill with the exception of D.R. F. Class. 5.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full drill, with the exception of D.R. F. Class.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

A "Tombola Scheme."

An unique feature of the St. George's Day Celebrations will be the "Tombola," for which the ladies of the Colony are responsible and for the success of which help is asked from every member of the community.

The "Tombola" scheme falls under two heads, spills and prizes. Thousands of spills will be offered for sale at a dollar each, and a large proportion of these spills will contain a number entitling the buyer of that spill to the prize, from the "Tombola" bearing the same number.

Many valuable prizes have already been presented, and, in the course of the next few days, an appeal will be made to the members of the community, inviting them to spare something out of their superfluity for a prize.

Any article with the exception of clothing will be acceptable.

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes as follows:—

A circular telegram from the President of the Special Parliament to the various provinces states, that the general meeting of the Parliament will take place on June 12 and if members do not arrive at Canton one month after the meeting, others will be elected.

Luk Wing-ting is reported to be due to arrive in Canton in a few days' time. The Tschun has ordered preparations for his reception.

The commander of the Bocca Tigris fort has requested the Tschun to increase the gunners at the fort by 352 men.

All the Benevolent Societies and leaders of the Chamber of Commerce will meet to-day in Oi Yuk Tong to pass a resolution requesting the Government to abolish the regulation of quarantining vessels from Hongkong.

Luk Wing-ting has requested Sun Yat-sen and Wu Ting-fang to see him at Wu-chow, but only Wu has accepted the invitation. He has already started.

SIGNALLING SECTION.

Tuesday, 26th instant.—4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices.

Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire.

Wednesday, 27th instant.—5.15 p.m. No. 8 Platoon, at Kowloon Dock, Platoon Drill.

5.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon, on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay.

Thursday, 28th instant.—4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15, 16, 17 and 18, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices.

Dress etc. as above. 5.15 p.m.

Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons on Cricket Ground, Drill, Dress, Drill order.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

Monday, 25th instant.—5.10 p.m. Drill at Kowloon Dock, Nos. 1 and 2 Guns only. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Queen's Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 26th instant.—7.10 a.m. No. 3 Gun at Headquarters.

4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14, and 19, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices.

Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Note.—Only those who have passed the Tests of Elementary Training may fire.

Wednesday, 27th instant.—5.15 p.m. Drill at Headquarters.

RECRUITS.

Monday, 25th and Thursday,

28th instant.—5.15 p.m. All units, except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground on Monday and at Headquarters on Thursday under Sergt. Edmonds and Corp. Grimes. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 27th instant.—4.30 p.m. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15, 16, 17 and 18, at King's Park Range, for all who have not fired these practices.

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Thursday, 28th instant.—5.15 p.m. All Sections, Drill, exercises and Section drill at Headquarters.

Dress, Drill order.

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Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. B. are state:—

Monday, 25th instant.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Headquarters, Squad drill. 5.30 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

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T. K. KING,
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Seagoing, March 15, 1918.

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Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	J. C. J. L.	29 Mar.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	J. C. J. L.	30 Mar.
Java and Singapore	J. C. J. L.	30 Mar.
Saigon	J. C. J. L.	1 Apr.
Amoy and Shanghai	J. C. J. L.	1 Apr.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	J. C. J. L.	1 Apr.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	N. Y. K.	1 Apr.
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Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 22nd March, 1918, at 5 P.M.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godowns.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where it will be examined on 25th March, 1918, at 10 A.M.

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T. DAIGO,

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1918.

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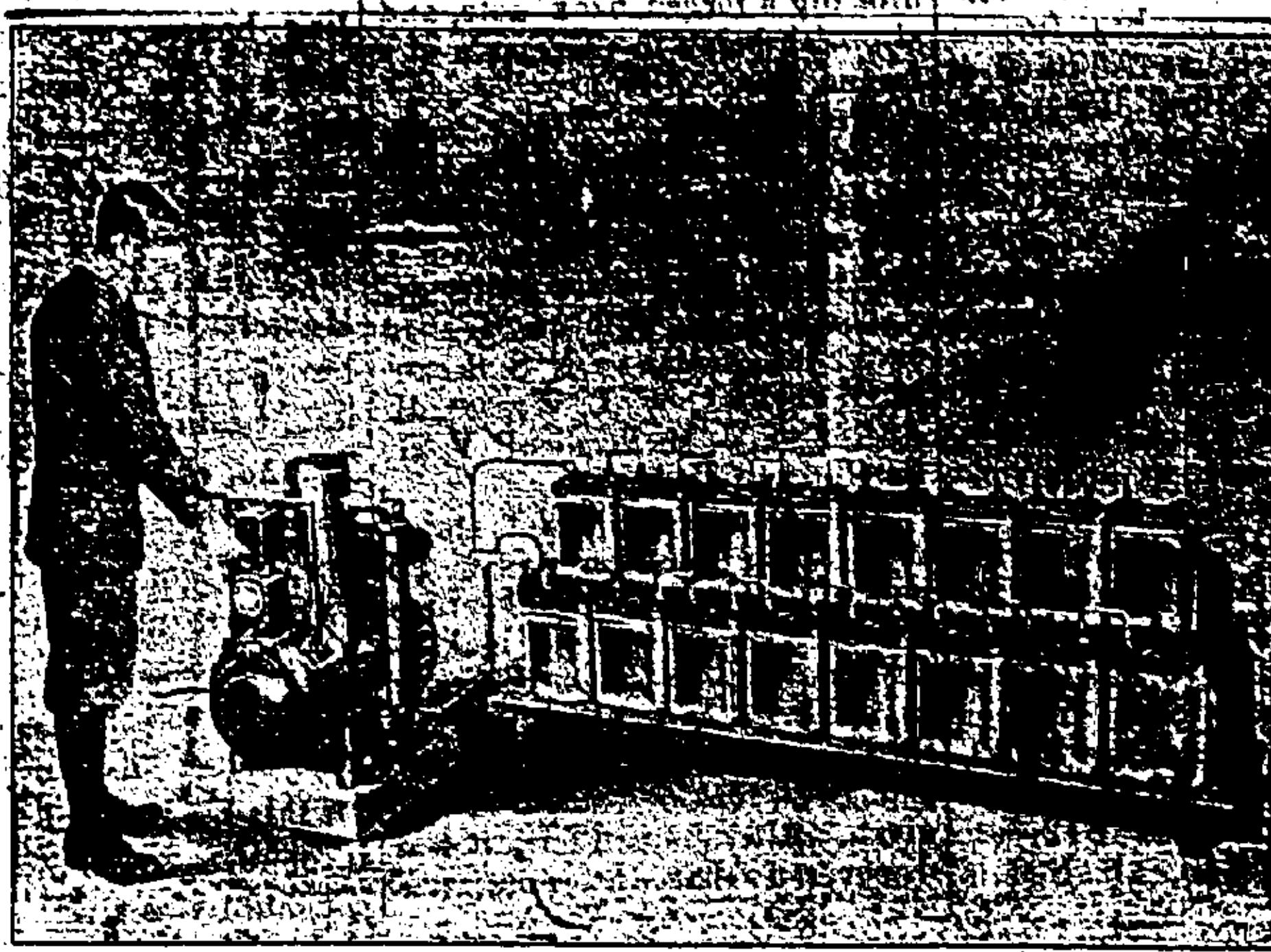
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SHARE REPORT.

Meers, Benjamin and Sons, in their Share Report dated Friday the 22nd instant, state:—

During the interval since our last report a good volume of business has been put through on the local market and in spite of the approaching March Settlement rates have been well maintained. Exchange has further advanced which has had its effect on the higher priced investment stocks. These, however, have buyers at slightly under quoted rates.

Shanghai Market has again been very active for both Cotton shares and Docks and a good business has been done at advancing rates. The Singapore Market keeps steady at about last week's level.

The following are to-day's cabled quotations:—Malakofa \$4.25, Kempas \$7.25, Ayer Paus \$7.75, Kedah \$3.75, Alor Gajah \$3.55, Redellas \$10, Tapah \$13, Changkat Serdang \$6.30, New Serendah \$3.85, Ayer Molaka \$2.10, Pajam \$12 and Sandycroft \$3.40, all Straits Currency.

Backs.—Sales have again taken place at \$615, but on account of the further advance in Exchange shares are now obtainable at \$610.

Marine and Fire Insurance.—Unions have changed hands again at \$800 and Cantons have been placed at \$320. Yangtases have been sold to the North at Shanghai \$220 Ex. 73. Hongkong Fires are steady at \$330 and China Fires are unchanged at \$133.

Shipping.—Deferred Indo under Settlement influences after sales at \$160 declined during the week to \$154, at which rate, and at \$155, a good business has been done. The market closes steady with buyers offering \$154. Preferred Indo remain unaltered at \$321 buyers. Danglases have changed hands at \$77 and are on offer at this rate. Steamboats have again been in demand at \$18 and \$18½ at which rates business has been done. Star Ferries have sellers at \$28.

Refineries.—China Sugars have buyers at \$80 after sales at this and \$81. Malabons are unchanged, buyers offering \$29.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks after sales at \$131½ and \$132 have buyers at \$131. Shanghai Docks have had a further sharp rise and after cash sales at Tls. 96½ are wanted at Tls. 97. Business has been done forward in these shares at Tls. 101 June and Tls. 102 July and there is a strong demand at the close. Kowloon Wharves have again come to business at \$83 and \$83½ and there are buyers at \$82½.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—We have very little to report under this heading and rates are practically unchanged from last week with the exception of a sale of Hongkong Lands reported at the reduced rate of \$84. Centrals are wanted at \$90 and Hongkong Hotels at \$87. There are buyers of Humphreys Estates at \$5½ whilst Kowloon Lands at \$21½ and West Points at \$78 are both nominal.

Oils & Mining.—Raube after sales at \$3, have sellers at this rate. Langkats have been done at Tls. 14½ and Tls. 14½. Kailans are wanted at 41½. Ural Oasipans are nominal at 20½ and Shells remain at 120½ buyers, which is the London rate.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Electrics have buyers at \$4½, but no shares are coming out. China Lights have been done at \$4½ and have buyers now at \$4½. Low Level Trams have changed hands at \$62½ and there are more shares offering at this rate.

Cotton Mills.—There has been a good business done in all Cotton shares and the market keeps steady:—Shanghai Cottons at Tls. 138, Ewos at Tls. 175, Kung Yik at Tls. 151, Yaogtzeopos at Tls. 830 and Orientals at Tls. 43½, all buyers.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Ceramics have again been placed at \$7.80 and \$7.70. Hongkong rates are now quoted nominal at \$225. Dairy Farms have buyers at \$29 after sales during the week at \$30. Hops have been placed at \$27½. Wasons after

FORGED BANKNOTE.

A Chinese Charged with Uttering.

At the Criminal Sessions this afternoon, before Sir William Rose Davies, a Chinese named Cheung Chang, was charged with uttering a forged bank note, and business premises in the Presidency of Bombay. The proposed Act will come into operation in the first instance only in the City of Bombay, in the Taluka of Salsette and in the Municipal District of Karachi, but power is reserved to extend its operation to any local area. The Act shall be in force during the continuance of the present war, and, for a period of not less than six months, and not exceeding two years afterwards.

Among the objects and reasons, it is stated that the justification for this kind of legislation is that it conduces to the interest of the community as a whole to regulate to some extent the power which the purely abnormal conditions of war have placed in the hands of persons occupying certain positions in the economic organisation to take advantage of others less favourably situated. The exigencies of war have caused an influx of population, both military and civil, into certain localities, and the supply of accommodation for various reasons has not kept pace with the demand. It is inequitable that the enhanced value thereby given to the existing properties should be wholly appropriated by one party, the landlord, to the detriment of the tenant, whose services in any particular locality are in most cases equally essential to the State. The absence hitherto of restrictions on the raising of rent, in Bombay and certain other places in the Presidency, has already produced conditions rendering the present measure essentially necessary and urgent.

The provisions of the English Act respecting mortgage interest have not been reproduced in the Bill, as the necessity for them does not exist in the Bombay Presidency as in England. English legislation has proceeded on the assumption that the proper rent of a house is the rent paid on the 3rd August, 1914.

Evidence was then given.

Glorified Chiblains.

"Trench feet," the trouble that formerly afflicted the soldiers sorely, is really glorified chiblains. This on the authority of Brigadier General Jobson, speaking at a Red Cross meeting in Sydney. Through the efforts of that body, he declared the complaint had been stamped out of France. General Birdwood at first thought that the affection was due to the men's carelessness, and ordered that every man affected with it should be court-martialled. When the General was attacked himself, however, he altered his views. It was "one on him," the men said.

Murdered a German Baroness.

Advices from Nagasaki say that Tanaka Tokuichi, who was sentenced to death on a charge of killing Ima Zidern, the wife of Lieutenant Baron Von Zidern, a German prisoner at Fukuoka, has been executed at Katsubuchi Branch prison, Nagasaki. It will be remembered that at the time when this sensational murder occurred the victim's husband committed suicide. The murderer was sentenced to death in the Fukuoka Oshio Saibansho on May 26th last year. He appealed to the Nagasaki Appeal Court but the sentence was confirmed on Oct. 26th.

sales at \$5½ are wanted at this rate. Powell's have been placed at \$6½. There are sellers of Peak Trams (Old) at \$8 and Steam Laundry at \$4. China Borneos can be placed at \$9. Hongkong Steels at \$10 and Union Waterboats at \$11½ are both nominal.

Forward Settlement Days.—27th March (Wednesday), 28th April (Friday), 29th May (Wednesday) 27th June (Thursday) and 29th July (Monday).

Exchange.—The opening T. T. rate on London to-day is 2½ and on Singapore 12½. Bar Silver (ready) is quoted at 44½. The Bank's 8 d/s buying rate on Shanghai is 70.

RENTS IN BOMBAY.

A New Bill's Provisions.

Bombay, 21st February.—The Bombay Government Gazette contains the text of the Bill to restrict the increase in the rent of dwelling houses, and business premises in the Presidency of Bombay. The proposed Act will come into operation in the first instance

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By Mr. Bowley.—The masts

sheds were on part of the greens,

but they were never able to pro-

teet all the greens.

By Mr. Lo:—They left it to the

P. W. D. to do what they thought

best, and also to look after the

interests of the public.

Mr. W. J. Wilkinson, of the

Hongkong Land Investment

Company, said he was in Shed

No. 8 on the top floor at the time

of the catastrophe. He was with

his wife, children and other

relatives. He first heard a crack-

ing noise, which seemed to be in

the shed where he was. Then

the whole structure swayed to and

fro, and suddenly collapsed. He

was in the middle of the shed at

the time. There were more than

fifty people on that floor. There

was no abnormal movement of

any kind before the collapse, and

neither did he notice a move-

ment by people in other parts of

the shed. He and all his relatives

were buried in the debris. His

first inclination was to stay there

to avoid any more falling debris,

but then he saw fire, apparently

from the partition between Sheds

No. 8 and 9. The fire was then

quite small and seemed to be on

the first floor as it was in its

collapsed condition. He thought

the fire started after the collapse.

He then forced a hole through

the roof, and managed to get all

his relatives out. They landed

off the roof on the roadside. The

fire was then quite close and

burning strongly. (Witness pointed

out to a photograph himself and

family crawling out.) His

opinion was that the large num-

ber of people who were killed in

that shed were pinned down.

He did not think that the stair-

way at the rear of the shed

collapsed by itself after the sheds

had fallen, but that it was taken

in the general fall. He was

certain that his shed fell in the

direction of the Golf Club. When

he got out he saw fire in the

direction of the Golf Club.

By Mr. Bowley:—Water was

got from the kitchen. There were

no fire buckets. It was hard to

say if sufficient water had been

to



The village of Castlewood stood and stands with the Church in the midst, the parsonage hard by it, the town— with the sign of the Three Castles on the elm. The London road stretched away towards the rising sun, and to the west, where swelling hills and peaks, behind which many a time Henry Esmond saw the same sun setting that he now looks on thousands of miles away across the great ocean.

Henry Esmond, Book I, Chap. 3

The sign of the "Three Castles" will now be found on every tin and on every packet of:

The "THREE CASTLES" Virginia Cigarettes

This together with the signature *H.D.H. WILLS* stood and stands for the genuine character of this famous and historical Brand. &c. &c.

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POST OFFICE.

The Parcel Post service to places in Szechuan Province is suspended until further notice.

In future mail for Kengtung with be closed at the General Post Office and at Shing Wan B. P. O. at 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on other days as at present.

The Russian Post Office refuses to accept further mails for transmission to Europe by the Trans-Siberian railway.

The London Post Office advises that all posts (except those for Prisoners of War) and all sample packets for Denmark, Holland, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland will be stopped by the Military Censors unless posted under a War Office permit.

The importation into the Commonwealth of Australia of tea, other than that grown or produced in British Possessions is prohibited, unless the consent in writing of the Commonwealth Minister for Trade and Customs has been first obtained.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of its Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Eritrea, French Suez Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Unsealed parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Letters franked at the 4 cents rate addressed to Yenanfu and Mengkuang and other places in the Province of Yenan should be superscribed with the words "For delivery by the Chinese Post Office."

Fees for Greece cannot be accepted for transmission unless accompanied by a special permit issued by the British Minister at Athens.

Arrangements have been made for the transmission of parcels to the United Kingdom via Canada.

The rates of postage are as follows:

Fees not over 5 lbs... 90 cents.

Do. 1 lbs... 1.20

Do. 1 lbs... 2.70

No insurance can be effected on parcels sent by this route.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in the United Kingdom)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COLONIAL (Hongkong) REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 26th March, 1918, to WEDNESDAY, 24th April, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 18th March, 1918.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at 11 A.M. on WEDNESDAY the 27th instant.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON, & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1918.

HONGKONG DOG AND CAT SHOW 1918.

THE committee beg to notify intending exhibitors that the Show will be held sometime during March, on a date to be notified later.

It has been decided to include Poultry provided that sufficient entries are forthcoming.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Undersigned.

G. W. GEGG,
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer
(to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH).

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WEATHER REPORT.

March 22d 12h. 10m.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure has decreased slightly over the Philippines, and increased slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone has increased in intensity, but apparently continues to move north-eastward; the depression remains over Indo-China. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China Coast to the south of Foochow, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inch. Total since January 1st 0.41 inch against an average of 5.06 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock E. winds fresh; cloudy, some rain.

2 Formosa Channel N.E. winds fresh.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocki The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register March 22, a.m.

Station Hour Barometer Temperature Humidity Wind Force Washer

Vivostok	6a					
Namuro	6a					
Hakodate						
Tokio						
Nagasaki						
Kesima						
Ohima						
Naha						
Ushimo						
Bonin Is.						
W. Iwami						
Hankow						
Kukkiang						
Changsha						
Shanghai						
Guttaif						
Shang P.						
Amoy						
Sutow						
Taihoku						
Tai-chu						
Tai-pan						
Kao-han						
Pidors						
Canton						
Gap Rock						
Macao						
Wuchow						
Pak-ho						
Hollow						
Phuilen						
Tourane						
C. S. J.						
Aspin						
Wing-tin						
Malibin						
Lagap						
Taichoban						
Hollo						
Surigao						
Guam	4.20	29.80	75.94	0.0		
Lapuan	6	29.76	78.95	2.0		

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On date On date

at 8 a.m. at 8 a.m. at 8 a.m.

Barometer 23.91 23.93 23.93

Temperature 64 64 62

Humidity 88 95 94

Wind Direction E. E. E.

Force 4 4 5

Weather 0.02 0.00 0.01

Height open air Temperature, ca 100° F. 100° F. 100° F.

Humidity, ca 100% 100% 100%

Wind force, ca 100% 100% 100%

Cloudiness, ca 100% 100% 100%

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